

HURRICANE IDA
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
FOR POSTSECONDARY STUDENTS

**APPLICABLE TO TOPS, TOPS TECH, ROCKEFELLER STATE
WILDLIFE SCHOLARSHIP, AND GO YOUTH CHALLENGE
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1. I live in a parish that was impacted by Hurricane Ida and my home was damaged. Do I have to enroll in school this semester?

If you do not enroll in school in the fall semester of 2021, you will need to file a request for exception. Click [here](#) to download the form. You will select Natural Disaster as your exception type. You must provide a detailed statement of how the storm impacted you as well as documentation evidencing that you were impacted by the storm. Documentation can include the following: photographs of damage; insurance documents, FEMA documents, fire and/or police reports; statements from public officials; statements from family members or other persons with actual knowledge; receipts and invoices for work done and materials purchases; a copy of a lease and statement from lessor regarding the impact of the flood; etc.

2. I go to school in a parish that was impacted by Hurricane Ida, and my school sustained damage. Do I need to enroll in another school this semester?

If you do not enroll in school in the fall semester of 2021, you will need to file a request for exception. Click [here](#) to download the form. You will select Natural Disaster as your exception type. You must provide a statement of how the storm impacted your school as well as statements from public officials and/or your school indicating that your school was impacted to the extent that it impacted your ability to enroll.

3. I am in the Louisiana National Guard and I was called up to active duty to assist in preparation and recovery for Hurricane Ida. What will happen to my TOPS Award?

You will need to file a request for exception which you can download [here](#). You will select Military for your exception type, and you will need to provide a copy of your orders and/or your discharge papers if you have them at the time you submit your request.

4. I attend a proprietary school in a parish affected by Hurricane Ida, and in order for my TOPS Award to be paid, I had to be enrolled and attending school on September 1. Because of Hurricane Ida, my school was not open. Will my TOPS award be paid for this term?

If you are a continuing student and your school was closed on September 1 due to Hurricane Ida, you must be enrolled on the first date the school re-opens in order for your TOPS Award to be paid for this term.

If would have been a new student on September 1 and your school closed due to Hurricane Ida, your school must be open no later than October 1 in order for your TOPS Award to be paid for this term.

THIS DOCUMENT WILL BE UPDATED AS MORE INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE.